

Avenue City R-IX School

The Avenue City R-IX School District in Cosby, Missouri is dedicated to being the “Best Place for Students to Learn.” In accomplishing this endeavor, our mission and vision is to create a learning environment that is accepting, stimulating, challenging, and worthwhile to students and the community that it serves. This learning environment will produce students who mastered the basic skills, become adept at problem solving and responsible decision-making, and have the ability to meet future challenges. This mission of being the “Best Place for Students to Learn” has been a driving force when decisions are made in curriculum, purchases, hiring, policies, professional development, and more. The school district and community expects the students to have the best there is in every aspect of the learning environment.

The Avenue City Elementary School is a very small, rural, district in northwest Missouri that serves 130 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. The one level building and extremely large playground is surrounded in the back by a crop field. There have been two additions to the original building facility; with the latest addition being added in the year 2000. This addition added a library media center, gymnasium, fine art/music room, technology center, specialized reading room, administrative offices, special education rooms, and helped remodel the cafeteria. The technology in the building is overwhelming and the teachers use it to the extreme educational advantage of the students. Most classrooms are equipped with smart boards and projectors. The computer to student ratio is less than 2:1; with most classrooms being set up with one computer per every two students.

The students are transported by bus from area housing additions and farms. There are few businesses in the district; a very successful “mom and pop” store where they still pump your gas, an auto body shop, and a flower nursery. Most patrons are professionals that work in St. Joseph; a nearby city that is minutes away. The district is supported by a very successful PTA, which has over 100% membership and received the “Golden Apple Award” from the state PTA.

The school is known for its excellence in academics. The school board, administrators, teachers, and parents all have high expectations when it comes to student performance and its shows in our accomplishments.

- The Annual Performance Report (APR) assesses points for the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) test, student attendance, and other factors. The school district expects nothing less than 100% of the points possible on this report and has done so for the past five years. This in turn has allowed Avenue City School to be recognized as Distinguished in Performance. Avenue City has received the “Annual Distinction in Performance Award”, each year it has been in existence. To obtain this distinction status, a K-8 school must receive 36 of 54 points possible on the APR. Avenue City R-IX received 54 of the 54 points possible for the past five years.
- The district was nominated for the No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The President and the Congress sponsor this program to help reward successful schools whose students achieve at the highest levels.
- Avenue City R-IX meets the guidelines for the first three years of the NCLB requirements for mathematics and communication arts, which meets the guidelines of the Annual Yearly Progress Reports.
- Avenue City R-IX has received the highest rating on the last two MSIP (Missouri School Improvement Program) with an “Accredited with Distinction In Performance” rating.
- Avenue City is often listed on the “Top Ten Performing Schools List” when MAP scores are released. Curriculum changes, learning, teaching styles, and professional development is all influenced by data. The instructional staff continuously focuses on individual students learning as well as grade level expectations. Staff uses active teaching and learning to help students understand the curriculum and succeed. Professional development and collaboration is at all levels in the building. Instructional staff uses data to help develop these concepts as they help Avenue City School become the “Best Place for Students to Learn.”